

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

AMENDED NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e), an Order amending Rule 48.1(b)(2) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Jury*, has been issued as follows:

Whenever it appears likely that the trial will be unusually protracted, or whenever the court in its discretion determines that the interests of justice so require, the jury may be enlarged to include as many as twelve (12) members; ~~and any number of alternates may be used, as the court may determine,~~ but not more than twelve (12) persons shall participate in the deliberations of the jury, nor may any verdict be rendered by a jury consisting of more than twelve (12) persons, or fewer than six (6) persons.

Those wishing to submit comments on amended Rule 48.1(b)(2) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §2071(e) may do so by submitting said comments to the attention of Kate Barkman, Clerk of Court, United States Courthouse, 601 Market St., Room 2609, Philadelphia, PA, 19106, by close of business, Friday, February 17, 2017.

Copies of amended Local Rule 48.1(b)(2) may be obtained from the Office of Clerk of Court by submitting a faxed request to the following fax number: 215-580-2164. Copies are also available on the District Court's website, which may be accessed at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov>.

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IN RE: Amendment to Rule 48.1 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure

A M E N D E D O R D E R

AND NOW, this 19th day of January, 2017, it appearing that this Court is vested with authority, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2071(e), to amend its Local Civil Rules to comport with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable statutes,

AND, Rule 48.1(b)(2) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Jury*, has been amended as follows:

Whenever it appears likely that the trial will be unusually protracted, or whenever the court in its discretion determines that the interests of justice so require, the jury may be enlarged to include as many as twelve (12) members; ~~and any number of alternates may be used, as the court may determine, but not more than twelve (12) persons shall participate in the deliberations of the jury, nor may any verdict be rendered by a jury consisting of more than twelve (12) persons, or fewer than six (6) persons.~~

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Rule 48.1(b)(2) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, amended as set forth above, is approved and adopted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment will be effective immediately, with notice and an opportunity for comment afforded later, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court transmit a copy of amended Rule 48.1(b)(2) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and make said Rule available to the bar and public.

FOR THE COURT:



PETRESE B. TUCKER
Chief Judge